

Introduced by Senator Beall

December 1, 2014

An act relating to peace officer training standards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 11, as introduced, Beall. Peace officer training: mental health.

Existing law requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to establish and keep updated a continuing education classroom training course for peace officer interactions with persons with mental disabilities. Under existing law, this course consists of classroom instruction and utilizes interactive training methods to ensure that training is as realistic as possible. Under existing law, this course includes training in identifying indicators of mental disability, conflict resolution techniques, and alternatives to lethal force.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to increase the minimum mental health training standard for California peace officers.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to increase the minimum mental health training standard
- 3 for California peace officers in order to address officer and
- 4 community safety and achieve better outcomes when interacting
- 5 with persons with mental illness.

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